



# North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service

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## NEWS RELEASE

**Turkeys Raised**  
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### 2003 NORTH DAKOTA TURKEYS RAISED LOWEST SINCE 1994

#### North Dakota

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2003 is 1.30 million birds, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 32 percent from the 1.90 million birds raised in 2002, and the lowest since 1994 when 1.15 million birds were raised. Since 1990, turkeys raised in North Dakota have ranged from a low of 1.15 million turkeys in 1993 and 1994 to the record high of 2.60 million turkeys in 1997.

#### United States

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 is 269 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2002. The following six States are expected to account for approximately two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003: Minnesota, at 45.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 3 percent increase from last year; North Carolina ranks second with 45.0 million birds, down 1 percent from 2002; Missouri is in third place by producing 27.5 million birds, 8 percent more than a year ago; Arkansas growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2003, down 19 percent from the previous year; Virginia, at 23.0 million birds, is up 15 percent from 2002; and California expects to raise 16.5 million turkeys, 7 percent less than a year earlier.

#### TURKEYS RAISED

States	Total All Breeds		
	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
	--- 1,000 Birds ---		-- Percent --
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	1,900	1,300	68
Minnesota	44,000	45,500	103
North Carolina	45,500	45,000	99
South Dakota	4,800	4,900	102
United States	272,429	269,200	99

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